

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1135

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor the members of those outstanding service organizations who have committed themselves to the highest of ideals; and

WHEREAS, Greek fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since our nation's founding, serving as major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such brotherhood is the Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, which has repeatedly proved itself to be one of the finest Greek organizations in this state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2003, the chapter received the prestigious Robert Adger Smythe Award for the third consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the award is the most coveted of the annual International Awards and is given only to the top 7 percent of Pike chapters in North America; the Zeta Chapter received the award at the Officers Leadership Academy in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, cumulatively, the fifteen laudable chapters that received the Smythe Award donated over 64,000 hours of service to their local communities, had a chapter-wide grade point average of 2.95, initiated 92 percent of their pledges, ranked first on their campuses in membership, had 95 percent of their membership involved in other campus organizations, and placed first on their campuses in intramural competition; and

WHEREAS, the famed Zeta Chapter, established in 1886, was the second oldest and had the largest number of lifetime initiates, 2,463, of the recognized chapters; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's list of recent accomplishments is long and distinguished; it includes the Chapter Excellence Award and the 100+ Man Award, each won for the third



consecutive year, the Most Outstanding Chapter Award for the Cumberland Region, and a number of Interfraternity Council Awards for the University of Tennessee, such as Most Outstanding Fraternity for a second straight year, 2003 Outstanding Fundraiser for the Fall Fiesta concert, the 2003 Active Chapter GPA Award, and the 2003 Best Pledge Class GPA Award; and

WHEREAS, Chapter Advisor Daniel F. McGehee, a driving force behind the chapter's success, was named Chapter Advisor of the Year for 2003 by the University of Tennessee Interfraternity Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the brothers of the Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha have made overwhelmingly positive contributions to society, both here in Tennessee and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor these fine gentlemen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha for their many achievements, commend them on winning the Robert Adger Smythe Award for a third consecutive year, salute their commitment to excellence in all their endeavors, and wish them much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.